

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 2, 2011 - 5:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX, COMMUNITY ROOM 3

I. ROLL CALL

Commission: Goulet, Munn, Rafferty, Bogue, Geary
Staff: Jones

Geary noted that this is her last meeting. She is moving out of town and has resigned her appointment to the Commission.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF April 4, 2011

MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 4, 2011.

Motion by Goulet, seconded by Bogue, so voted unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Joellen Anderson asked the Commission for an update on the acquisition of the Spicer property on Thomas Road. Specifically, she asked whether other grants were being pursued and whether the Town is negotiating with the Spicer Family regarding the purchase price.

Rafferty reported that the Town needs an additional \$500,000 to purchase the property. Staff reviewed the limited grant opportunities that she has explored. Any negotiations regarding the purchase price would be done through the Town Manager's office.

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Zoning Commission Regulation Amendment Referral – Section 2, Definitions and Section 6.6, Flood Protection

The Commission reviewed the proposed changes to the Flood Protection Regulations and Definitions. Staff noted that the changes are required in order for the Town to remain in good standing with the national Flood Insurance Program. The Commission had no comment.

2. Adopt-a-Road – Schedule Date

Munn reported that she has met with Stacey Leitch regarding the procedures. The Commission scheduled the first clean-up for May 14 at 8:00 AM. Staff will post a special meeting agenda.

3. Communications from Stacey Ohlmann Leitch, Solid Waste/Transfer Station Coordinator

The Commission reviewed the communications regarding Hazardous Waste Collection Day and the Town's recycling efforts. The Commission discussed the disposal of medications and suggested that proper disposal methods be added to any recycling information mailed town-wide.

V. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

Rafferty reported that Parks and Recreation Director John Silsby is retiring.

Rafferty reported that he has heard from a town resident regarding the limited tidal flushing of the marsh just north of Marsh Road.

Rafferty reported that he attended the Pequot Woods annual meeting and noted the maintenance work done by the Parks Maintenance staff.

VI. REPORT OF STAFF

Staff asked that the July meeting be cancelled as she may be on vacation that week. The Commission agreed to cancel the meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Lois Geary, Secretary
Conservation Commission

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